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## Newsletter #4:

### What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

The Spring auction market is starting to gain momentum with several new and exciting pieces available. I will be offering representation at the following upcoming auctions this week and beginning next week. All auction lots can be viewed on either Sixbid or NumisBids. If I am contacted early enough I can also obtain a paper catalog for those interested.

#### Goldberg Auction - Pre-Long Beach, February 14

There are three separate auctions for Goldberg, however, I will only be bidding in the ancient coin portion on February 14. There are 675 lots from the Hanbery Collection. This collection contains Greek and Roman coins. Interesting to note: many of the coins were acquired through the help of the dealer Frank Kovacs and other well-known dealers in the 1980's and 1990's. The auction begins at 10 a.m. (PST) so anyone that needs representation should contact me at least one day prior.

#### CNG eAuction 391, February 15

There are 685 lots of ancient and world coins in this auction. Since CNG's auctions are widely popular there are typically a lot of eyes viewing coins so it is difficult to get a real deal. That said, the estimates are typically fair and if there is a type you really want it is worth to participate. Again, I will participate in the sale and if you would like representation please contact me one day prior.

#### Gerhard Hirsch Auction 326, February 16

This live auction takes place in the offices of Hirsch in Munich, Germany. Hirsch has three catalogs of objects, ancient coins and medals taking place over three days. The ancient coins auctions is on February 16. There are 788 ancient coins: Greek, Roman and Byzantine. I am registered to bid online for the auction but could also phone bid if necessary.

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regularly run auctions so this was a nice catalog to receive. The auction was only recently posted online so it may not get as much attention since people will not have much opportunity to study the coins. There are 520 ancient coins, but over 2100 coins in total, that will be auctioned off over two days. Kricheldorf will NOT conduct an online auction, therefore, I am scheduled to phone bid for this. If you would like me to bid on anything, please just let me know a few days ahead of time so I can alert the auction house on the additional lots.

### Coin of the Week

The featured coin this week is an Ahenobarbus denarius. These coins are sought after for their rarity and the affiliation with Julius Caesar, Mark Antony and Cleopatra during their fight for power. A little more history on Ahenobarbus:

Gnaeus Domitius Ahenobarbus accompanied his father at Corfinium and Pharsalus on the side of Pompey. After his pardon by Julius Caesar, he retired to Rome in 46 BC. After Caesar's assassination, Ahenobarbus supported Brutus and Cassius, and in 43 BC was condemned under the terms of the Lex Pedia for complicity in the assassination. Ahenobarbus achieved considerable naval success against the Second Triumvirate in the Ionian theater, during which time this denarius was minted, but finally, through the mediation of Gaius Asinius Pollio, he reconciled with Mark Antony, who thereupon made him governor of Bithynia. He participated in Antony's campaign against the Parthians and was consul in 32 BC. When war broke out between Antony and Octavian, Ahenobarbus initially supported Antony but disgusted by Antony's relationship with Cleopatra, sided with Octavian shortly before Actium. His only child, Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus, was married to Antonia Maior, the daughter of Mark Antony and Octavia. Their son, Gnaeus Domitius Ahenobarbus, married Agrippina Minor, the sister of the emperor Caligula, and was the father of the emperor Nero.

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Until next week,

*Shanna*

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